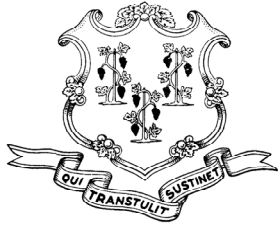


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2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC)
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity today to present information we believe irrefutably supports the removal of Submarine Base New London from the Department of Defense (DOD) closure list.

The strategic arguments for removing Submarine Base New London from the closure list are clear:

- DOD made the decision to include Submarine Base New London based on a questionable change to the force structure.
- Through the review process, the value of what is in effect the Navy's Submarine Center of Excellence was lost.
- The importance of the proximity of the submarine base to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, the vital significance of the co-location of the New London Submarine Base and Electric Boat and the immense difficulty of reconstituting a nuclear-certified submarine base were overlooked in the review process.
- And somewhere in the numbers, the fact that this proposal eliminates the only remaining operating naval base in the Northeast United States was overlooked.

In assessing Submarine Base New London, we found that DOD substantially and repeatedly deviated from the required BRAC criteria. To aid your thorough review, we have endeavored to share the key deviations with you today in our presentation and this accompanying document. We continue to refine our arguments as we wade through the

massive amount of data. It is our hope that we can continue to work with you and your staff to ensure that you have the information you require.

We believe that when the Commission considers these points and reviews the analysis of the military, economic, and social contributions of Submarine Base New London, it will conclude that the base should not be slated for closure or realignment.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and reactions as the Commission moves forward with its work.

Sincerely,

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